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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two  
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January 29, 2008.

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